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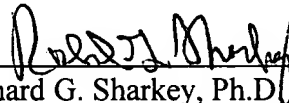
Claims 2-65 have been cancelled without prejudice. New claims 66-77 have been added by this Preliminary Amendment. Claims 66-77 find support, for example at pages 10, 11, 12, 29, 45, 52, 55 and 56. No new matter has been added. Therefore, claims 1 and 66-77 are now pending in the subject application.

As set forth in the revised Cross Reference to Related Applications above, the earliest application to which the subject application claims priority is U.S. Patent Application No. 08/690,184, which is a continuation-in-part application filed July 26, 1996.

Favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any specific questions relating to this application, he or she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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